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The A-Team

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will be developing the next generation of manned space vehicles. This provides California with a unique opportunity to win a major contract from NASA.

California was the birthplace of the space shuttle and the home of later orbiter modification and upgrades. California should now be home to the next generation of manned space vehicles.

Currently NASA contractor team is considering where to design, develop and manufacture the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV), the replacement for NASA's space shuttle fleet. NASA selected two aerospace contractor teams in June 2005

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to conduct research and to plan for design, development, and manufacture of the new CEV.

Because of this great opportunity to bring more jobs to California, my wife, Assemblywoman Sharon Runner and I asked Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to use his leadership to help bring this program to California. On the federal level, Congressman Buck McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) is also working in Washington D.C. to bring the program to California.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) announced that they will be forming an A-Team whose purpose is to bring this program to California. The letter outlined that the A-Team will include: BTH, Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), including the California Business Investment Services (CalBIS), California Space Authority, as well as other local and regional economic development organizations. The California Space Authority will be asked to serve as the lead partner.

The value of the CEV contract is expected to exceed \$6.5 billion and will assure for California the retention and expansion of thousands of high-paying, skilled manufacturing jobs for many years to come.

This is a great opportunity for us to secure the future of the vital aerospace industry and bring these jobs to California.

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